# LOYAL WOMAN'S WORK

### Household Hints---Conversation Club. Experience Meeting.

FREE SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM.

The Editor steps aside this week to let the bright and thoughtful young people of THE TRIBUNE family have a better chance to express themselves, only putting in a word now and then to see that the Conversation Club is three years in the 36th Ill .- Mrs. E. Shedden, Bargiving good attention, and that there is not too rett. Kan much whispering going on in the corner. It is certainly a pleasure for the fathers and mothers to take their turn in listening to such words of wisdom from those who in themselves are practical proof of the value of our American free schools in developing character and maturing opinions. We will let "Louise," a Pennsylvania veterau's daughter, open the discuswill follow:

DEAR CONVERSATION CLUB: I think in comparing the different nations no one can fail to see the great advantage free schools have been to all, especially to the lower classes. Take those countries which have no free schools, the peasants remain in ignorance from generation to generation; only the wealthy can afford to educate their children. On the other hand, take Germany, which has a compulsory school law. Her sons are well educated. rich and poor having equal advantages. And our own fair Republic, how many of her most learned men and wisest rulers have received their education in the public schools. See what an

improvement has been made in the South since the introduction of free schools there. America cannot afford to have her future voters grow up in igno-There are many who say, "the society in the common schools is so mixed, our little ladies and gentlemen will become so rude, associating with coarser natures and ill-mannered children. child's home influence is what it should be, this

association can do but little harm. The child will inevitably in after years meet with all sorts of characters. Will he not better understand their natures, know better how to deal with them, than if he had been zealously guarded from all association Will not the sweet, gentle mannered little children exert a good influence over the bad ones? After all, it is the power of example which exerts

the greatest influence on the masses, and we have

plenty of examples in the public school, both good

and bad.—" Louise," Factoryville, Pa.

HUMANITIES OF FREE SCHOOLS. DEAR CONVERSATION CLUB: While we are con sidering modern free schools and popular education, I have been thinking how cruel and unjust were the school punishments of the past. It makes my heart ache for the little ones who had to undergo such cruel treatment, and I ask any one how far it went to awakening an undying interest in their lessens. Did it make them love and respect their teacher? And what teacher can do her duty by a child who dislikes and rebels against her Use smiles instead of frowns, kind words instead of the "rod," and you receive what some teachers miss. How encouraging are the acts of love from the children, the little hands filled with flowers, and bright eyes watching for the smile that ac companies the "Thank you." A smile on a teacher's face was a rare thing in the past. I do not mean that all schools were devoid of love and

so hear from others and learn from them.-Willa Mazeldon, Minnesota, THE GEM OF TRUTH. for a good education is the stepping-stone to riches and fame. Here is my album verse; and now will some one send me a good question for debate?

Go thou in life's fair morning, Go, in the bloom of youth, And buy for thine adorning The precious gem of truth, -" Evelyn," Sugar Grove, Warren Co., Pa. TOO STINGY TO LIVE.

I for one favor mixed schools. I think one person is entitled to equal privileges with another, no matter what his race, color, or nationality, except, perhaps, Chinamen, of whom I know nothing Della Gordon puts the question for debate: "Resolved That a wood education is better than riches." Well, Della, that is pretty hard to decide; but those who get rich without education are as scarce as hen's teeth. The few exceptions to this rule are miserly old wretches too stingy to live or let other's live. What good riches can be to such as these is more than I can tell. If an educated person does not thrive it is very often his own fault. Would like correspondents in Washington Territory and the "Land of Flowers," My father, R. Davidson, was three years in the old 34th Ohio .-Charles Davidson (15), Van Wert, O.

DEAR CONVERSATION CLUB: Our most excellent Editor has given us a very profitable and important subject for investigation. Profitable, because it calls the attention of our young minds to its importance, thus giving us ample time for thought and decision before the cares and responsibilities of the Nation fall to our hands. Important, because the future power, safety and progress depends on the proper education of the rising generation. The question is asked of popular schools: "Are they beneficial in their effects upon the masses?" I should emphatically say they are. In the first place, pubic mixed schools, controlled and sustained by the Government, is the only sure way of educating the poorer classes; and to secure the highest civilizaion and power a nation must educate all. Next, follow the advancement and expansion of the educational facilities in our country from 1642 (the year in which the Massachusetts colonists adopted the law compelling every citizen to teach his children and apprentices, or have them taught, to read perfeetly the English language) up to the present time, and note their superiority over those of other pations. Lastly, contrast the mechanics of Ireland, England, and Russia with ours; their peasants | three years in Co. K. 19th Ind. Cay.; he was capwith our farmers, and so meaure the influence ex-erted by mixed schools. Education is necessary to the laboring classes to enable them to keep page with the forward march of the world. Would like to see some of our Western boys enter into the discussion. One who thinks with Madge Lee-Gertrude Craven, Craventon, Kan, CANNOT BE DISCUSSED TOO MUCH.

DEAR CONVERSATION CLUB: I think the subject of education is one which cannot be discussed too much, for the more one sees it agitated the more he strives to improve his own,-at least that is my way. THE TRIEUNE, as an educational influence, should go to the home of every Union soldier. My father says he would not be without it. My two grandfathers were in the war of 1812; two of my cles were in the war with Mexico, and my father and five uncles were in the civil war. One of my uncles starved to death in Andersonville, and another was killed at Pea Ridge. The Post at Maquoketa, Iowa, where he raised the company of which ne was Captain, is named after him, known as Capt. A. W. Drips Post. I belong to the Sons of Veterans, and have been First Lieutenant, I would tike correspondents of about my own age (18).-D. T. W., Box 712, Hock Island, Ili. EDITOR'S CHAT.

We continue to receive copies of songs and other lengthy articles asked for by some of our girls themselves. Would say to the girls we correspondents. These should be sent direct to the persons making the request, as we have not the space for their publication in THE TRIBUNE without crowding out much that is | carries us back to the time when we were on the of more general interest. With scores of boys | tented field, and makes us feel young again. - Geo. and girls waiting for a word, no one can occupy | H. Palmer, Co. D. 20th Conn., Portland, Conn. the attention of the Club with long contributions, either original or selected. Variety is the spice of the Conversation Club.

Sylvester Gwaltney, Buckskin, Ind., says his attention is absorbed by the topics discussed by the Club, but being unacquainted with the members he hesitates to enter. Come in, Sylvester, and welcome. As Horace Greelev said about resumption of specie payments, "The only way to resume is to resume," so the members of the Club say to those who hesitate, "The only way to come in and get acquainted is to come in and get acquainted."

Kansas requesting copies of songs, but we can- is my sentiment for an autograph aibum: viations or illegible words. Our correspondents must be careful to write plainly and spell out their words. For instance, many abbreviate Colorado into "Col.," and others California into "Cal.," but as the writing is so often obscure it is sometimes impossible to determine which is which. One girl wrote that her father | daughter of a soldier, has had THE TRIBUNE a year was in the "U.S. Col.," meaning U.S. Cavalry, and likes it better all the time. and was astonished to see that he was in the "U. S. Colored." This will not do, dear friends. On you rests the blame far oftener than upon the Editor.

Addie E. Wheeler, Pompey Center, Onondaga Co., N. Y., would like some one to tell her of some nice game to pass away the long Winter evenings. Her Yather served in the 67th N. Y .:

wounded at Fair Oaks. "Analecta," published by Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, National Chaplain, Woman's Belief interesting game for young people. It will add like if Allen C. Garigus would write to her. to their knowledge of English words and fix the habit of correct spelling. Price, 40 cents.

Who will send another? Gipsy Queen: The grade of commissioned officers in the Army, beginning with the highest, is as follows: Lieutenant-General, Major-General, Brigadier-General, Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant. The non-commissioned staff are: Sergeant-Major, First Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal, Private.

Woman's Exchange. Would like the name of the young brother who died in Stillwater (Minn.) Prison, and the address of those who are living.-Miss Ettle Van Voast, Cedar Vale, Chautauqua Co., Kan.

Mrs. Martha J. Dines, Fullerton, Genuga Co., Ohio, will send the words of "Young Charlette" to those who will write to her for them. The girl who asked to correspond with some one who was in Co. B, 10th Wis., who was acquainted 13-year-old son of a veteran of Co. C, 120th Ill., who was in all forms of chronic ailment.

with her uncle (Adolphus Mins) who was killed at has been a reader of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for the battle of Perryville, Ky., can do so by addressing Lyman Turner, jr., late Co. B, 10th Wis., Columbia, Brown Co., Dak.

How long is the Shenandoah Valley? I am

studying for a teacher and would be glad of an answer. My great-grandfather was in the Revolutionary War; my grandfather in the war of 1812, and my father (John H. Doran) and my step-father (Henry H. Harian) were both in the Union ranks,-Belie Doran (15), Dudleyville, Bl.

To the one sending me the most pieces of silk, satin, or velvet, I will send a useful present.-Lillian Allison, Waynestown, Ind.

Last Summer I sent stamps to Scatic Frierson nd received a box of beautiful moss and ferns. She lives in Oregon, but I have mislaid her post-office address. If she, or some one who knows, will send the address I will send them a sample of h-scale flowers in return. My husband served

I would like to exchange cards or pictures with the sons and daughters of veterans. Father was captured at Atlanta, and was nine months in Andersonville Prison. A dear uncle, only 18, ma's only brother, was killed by Quantrell. He had just joined the 13th Iowa. I have two brothers old enough to go to war, one of whom is in New Mexo.—Ettie Van Voast (16), Cedar Vale, Kan. I will send a pen-and-ink drawing, my own work, for the best letter from a member of the C. sion, after which a few comments from others | C. Club. Will some one send me the words of Forever and Forever," by Kate B. Sherwood, and other poems suitable for literary entertainments. I think it unprofitable for boys to play cards; do not think it wrong to indulge in a social dance. Here is a pretty autograph album verse:

Better to weave in the web of life A bright and golden filling, And do God's will with a ready heart And hands that are swift and willing, Than to snap the delicate silver threads Of our carious life asunder,

And then blame heaven for its tangled ends,

And sit and grieve and wonder. Lulu A. Walling, Box 222, Kingsville, O. I addressed to THE TRIBUNE a request for a cor espondent in short-hand, which you published in our issue of Jan. I. I am convinced that THE TRIBUNE has an immense circulation, as I have been almost overwhelmned with correspondence from all parts of the United States. Unless this thing is stopped I shall become bankrupt or insar -Distractedly, L. Braden. Can you give me the name (also author's name)

of the old war song, the chorus of which was early as follows: Then we'll march away when the bugles play; We're marching on to Richmond.' Also, please inform me which is considered the best and most complete book of war songs (words and music) published, and the publisher's address. THE TRIBUNE is our most welcome weekly visitor. We would not part with it for double the price .-Etta D. Thorne, Winsted, Conn.

Conversation Club. AUTOGRAPH ALBUM VERSES. Permit me to send the Conversation Club the following Album verses:

I have inclosed herein a kiss-For you, my dainty little miss; Keep it safely, close and tight. Pll come and get it back to-night. I wish you health, I wish you wealth

I wish you gold and store:

What can I wish you more? True politeness is to do and say The kindest things in the kindest way. Father was a veteran of Co. C, 21st Ill., Gen. Grant's old regiment. - Sadie Kiser, Monticello,

I wish you Heaven after death,

Here is an autograph verse for the Club: familiarity, nor are the schools of to-day filled with it. I think Florinda Fay's letter very nice. Hope "These few lines to you are tendered By a friend sincere and true, Hoping but to be remembered When I'm far away from you." A mistake in my former letter placed fa

the cavalry; he served in the 8th Conn. Inf.; I am an only daughter (17), with three brothers.-Maude E. Chadsey, Middleton, Conn. QUESTION SQUAD. Will some one tell me the chapter in the Bible that has the greatest number of words? Tell Dottie Littlejohn that the 117th Psalm, besides contain-

ing the fewest number of words, is also the middle chapter in the Bible.-Wm. L. Little, Moline, Ill. Here is a question: What better right has Uncle sam to give big national berths to rebel officers than he has to pension soldiers? Father had his leg broken at the battle of Roanoke Island. I had six uncles in the war, two of whom were wounded. Will some Western member of the Club write to Hattie L. Horton, Uxbridge, Mass.
What animal walks on its head? Why are men more frequently bald than women? Father was

an officer in Co. B. 13th N. Y.; was captured at Gettysburg, and was a prisoner 20 months in Libby rison and at Macon, Ga.; his name is J. W. Drake, Chaplain of Winnins Post.—Rosa E. Drake, Ovid, Clinton Co. Mich. Dottie Littlejohn: The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm exvii, which reads thus; 1, "Oh praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever: Praise ye the Lord." I think it time we all tried to serve Him. Now, will some one tell me if O. E. Babcock is drowned, and was it off the Florida coast?, Julius S. Smith, Co. B, 9th Ill. Cav., Geneseo, Ill. IN PRISON PENS. Father was taken prisoner at the battle of Kernsown, Va., July 24, 1864, while serving in Co. K, 36th

Ohio, and was in Danville Prison until Oct. 10, when he made his escape. Dottie Little John: Father was well acquainted with the Little Johns in Jackson County; also, in the 27th Ohio. You will find the 117th Psalm contains the least number of words of Mr. Churchill. I think bangs are nice; also, the girls who wear them.-Jefferson Crawford, Fair-I would like to correspond or exchange photo-

graphs with either a young lady or gentleman whose father was in Andersonville Prison, or on the Sultana when she was blown up on the Mississippi River, laden with soldiers, during the late rebellion. My father (Cleveland W. Mills) served tured at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17, 186[0], and taken to Andersonville, where he remained three months. -W. K. Mills, Box 116 Louisville, Itl.

GOOD WORDS FROM THE VETERANS. I am glad to see the old soldiers' children take an interest in THE TRIBUNE. I hear a great many people speak highly of it. I wish to say to the children whose fathers were prisoners at Ander-sonville that I am making little ships and putting them into glass bottles with a mysterious cork neatly painted. I will send one free to the little boy or girl whose parents take THE TRIBUNE and who will write me the most interesting letter upon any subject. I was a member of Co. F, 2d N. Y. Cav., and a prisoner 248 days, most of the time at Andersonville. Though trying over 14 years to get a pension, I think I shall never live to hear how it comes out. I am unable to express my joy when I read of the good words recorded in THE TRIBUNE and from my old comrades in the war. God bless THE NATIONAL TELBUNE, - Harrison P. Hayes, Box 272, National Military Home, Montgomery Co., O. A VETERAN ASKS LETTERS.

DEAR CONVERSATION CLUB: Why cannot we veterans have our say as well as the sons and daughters (God bless them)? I would like to receive letters from comrades, the widows of those who fell defending their country, or the boys and 'vets" got "banged" enough during the war to last a lifetime, but do not object to the ladies being as fashionable as they choose. May the time come when every veteran will have THE TRIBUNE. It

CLUB WHISPERS. I have read the history of the rebellion and numerous other books relating to the war. Father served in Co. C, 2d Ohio, and was in the battles of Oren Morris (15), Goshen, O.

I think nothing looks more disgusting than to see a boy with a cigar in his mouth. What would the boys say should they see a young lady walking down the street puffing the nauseating weed; yet it is as proper for one as the other. Father is a penioner because of the loss of an eye in the army .-Ada Smith, Greenfield, Ind.

I wear no bangs and look just as nice as those Emma F. Hogan writes from some point in eyed and black-haired Kansas young man. Here not make out the post-office address. Com-plaints of errors are usually traceable to abbre-with Love's whisperings."—Nancy C. Fields, Macy, Miami Co., Ind

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED. Mertie F, Smith corrects her address, which is 20 Alice street, Lynn, Mass. It was her grandfather who served in the 4th N. H. She would like to correspond with Carrie Noble. Mary O. Hawes, Lowersville, Greene County, O., L. B. Watts, Cassopolis, Mich., says: Though we have had THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE but six weeks, we find that it is, indeed, the soldier's friend, and as such we unite in wishing it long life and pros-Father would like to hear from his comrades of the 4th Vt.; name, W. G. Watts, Co. C, now

of Albert Anderson Post, this place; and I would ike correspondents, particularly from Kansas and "Geneva," Box 84, Waldron, Mich., daughter of a veteran of the lilth Ohio, wounded at Euzzard's Roost, Ga., would like letters from the boys and girls whose fathers served in the same gallant commyer, National Chaplain, Woman's Selief mand. Will send the words of "Do They Miss Me Corps, 1018 Arch street, Philadelphi is an at Home" to those writing her for them, and would Maude Huffman, Nickerson, Kan., daughter of a veteran of Co. C. 11th Ohio, who served three years and re-enlisted June, 1864, in Hancock's Reserves, and discharged at Elmira, N. Y., Oct. 1865. Would

### like to hear from the boys and girls of the 11th. Our Young Recruits.

TELLING THE BRAVE STORY OVER. Papa was a soldier in Merrill's Horse, Co. L, 2d Mo. Cav., and was a long time ill in Gayore Hospital, Memphis.—Alma R. Quick (10), Clarke, Mer-rick Co., Neb. Papa's name is Stanberry Witterow, Co. B. 63d Ohio, which was brigaded with the 27th Ohio, Tell Lottie Littlejohn the 117th Psalm contains but 33

words.-Johnnie Witterow (12), Big Plain, Madison Co., O. My papa served in Co. I, 27th Iowa. Sister wears bangs and looks very pretty. I have ten white rabbits with pink eyes, and two canary birds, and they are very pretty, too. I have three brothers and two sisters.—Reno Grant Weaver, Hutchinson, Reno Co., Kans.

six years, should address Julian A. Bridges, Vien-

Father was one of the first volunteers: served three months in the fist Ill., re-enlisted, and served 32 months in the 7th Ill Cav. He never was sick in the hospital and never missed roll-eall; received a flesh wound in the arm at the battle of Franklin. He had a brother with him in the 7th Cav., three in the 19th Ill. Cav., and one in the 78th Pa. Who can beat this? Will some of the boys and girls write me?-Shellie Porterfield, Box 39, Honey Bend, Ill.

Father was a member of Co. G. 16th Ill. Cav., was prisoner at Belle Isle and Andersonville, and a life-long sufferer in consequence. He thinks no soldier should be without his best friend, THE N TIONAL TRIBUNE. Dottie Littlefield will find the verse containing the least number of words is in John, 11th chapter, 35th verse.—W. C. Foster (13),

Cass, Ill.
Mildred and Miriam Mann, box 256, Neillsville, Wis., do not approve of extremes in style for either young ladies or gentlemen. Would like Allan Garrigus to give his views on theater going, though do not agree with his views on dancing. Think Ethel Lynn is right in advising against sending photographs to strangers. Would like the words to Shabby Gentcel" and correspondence for amusement and information. Elia J. Moriey (14), Quincy, Adams Co., Wis.; father served in Co. F, 2d Ohio Cav.; wounded

in the left arm.

Jerome R. Goodno, Big Stone, Minn; father served in Co. G. 9th Minn., first in Sibley's Indian Expedition, then South. Thinks girls can spend their time better than in trying to learn the vulgar habit of whistling; thinks it entirely proper for young ladies and gentlemen to carry on a correspondence mutually agreeable, although strangers; thinks it well enough to be in the fashion, but that no one should turn up his or her nose at a young man simply because he is awkward. Abrahan Lincoln was awkward in society, but a model of

greatness and goodness.
Tessie Hall (15), Mount Vernon, Iowa, daughter of a veteran of Co. F, 25th Iowa; wounded in the breast: had three uncles in the war, one of whom was killed, and ten great-uncles, one also killed and the other in the National Military Home in Ohio. Writes a sweet little letter. I like to read the beautiful pages of THE NATIONAL

TRIBUNE and the children's letters. Mamma is Postmistress, and is getting all the subscribers she can.—Mary A. Cox, Shady Bend, Lincoln Co., Father was wounded at Fredericksburg while serving in the 9th New Hampshire. Brother Frank is 15 and George four.—Ina M. Merrill, Kennebunk Depot, York Co., Me,

Father served in Co. E, 7th Md., and was wounded in front of Petersburg, on the Weldon railroad.—John W. Dewes, Blue Ridge Summit, Franklin Co., Pa. Father enlisted at 17 and served three years and 10 months in the 80th Ohio. Grandpa belonged to the same regiment and died in the South. I had four uncles in the army. Our Post have a Camp-fire on Washington's Birthday. Asking letters, I am your eight-year-old friend, Lena Balle Burris, Newcomerstown O.

Frank Siddall's Opinion.

Frank Siddall's name has become a household word wherever purity in soap is prized, and washing-day is robbed of its old fashioned terrors. By the introduction of the soap which bears his name, he has won a place in the grateful hearts of the women of America. The opinions of a man as shrewd and observant as Mr. Siddall is known to be, are well worthy of consideration in forming judgment on a matter which he has examined. Whether in a throng of invited guests, as at

his "Silver Wedding," or in the quiet comfort of his cozy home, it is pleasant to spend an night. They are then wiped dry and placed in evening with Mr. Siddall. Desiring to learn a clean barrel, and each one is rubbed with his views concerning an important question of salt as it is put down. They are packed as health, one of our editors passed an hour with closely as possible. A pickle is made as follows: him and his family. To look at Mr. and Mrs. For each one hundred pounds of meat seven Siddall and their son, nobody would suppose that they had ever been invalids. Yet they have, and all three of them owe their present health to ---

Well, let them tell the story. "No," said Mr. Siddall, "you would hardly the barrel through a double cloth on the meat. The meat should be kept three inches under not an emaciated or feeble appearance. But some time ago, there appeared on her side something which seemed to be a tumor. Two of her relatives had died of cancer, and she feared she was to be a victim of that terrible malady. The | and a cover put on the top of the barrel. After tumor, or whatever it was, increased in size and | two months the hams may be taken out, well painfulness. The chafing of the dress against it was a continual reminder of its presence, as and then smoked. As a substitute for the usual well as a constant irritation. We feared the | smoke-house, the following is suggested: Smoke necessity of the surgeon's knife as a last resort. | a barrel thoroughly with maple or hickory known of Compound Oxygen. It had never ground to furnish draft), and when smoked made any impression on my mind until, after a sufficiently, sweep out inside and give it a good deal of disbelief, I had tried it for my sick | slight rinsing with cold water. When you headaches. With close application to a largely have thus prepared it, pack the hams and increasing business which took my whole time | shoulders in, flesh side up, and pour over them and thought, I had become a martyr to this dis- | the pickle in quantity sufficient to cover them | tressing complaint. It seemed strange that | and your work is done. The pickle extracting such an invisible agent as the gas which is in- the desired smoky flavor from the barrel, will haled through a tube could make its impress on | carry it through the whole mass of meat, and that condition of the system which produces much more equally, or evenly, than by the sick headache. But it did. After taking the usual process of smoking, as the flavor will be office treatment, I found complete rest from brain weariness, and entire exemption from the ham. In addition to this even flavoring of the nausea and harrowing pains which make up meat this process will be found to be much less that very unpleasant combination known as troublesome and laborious, avoiding the risk sick headache. I became an entirely renovated of falling into the fire, of a burning smokeman in my ability to attend to daily business. house, or into the hands of thieving neighbors, any in the Bible. Father would like to hear from I had also for a long series of years suffered besides escaping the filthiness which is insepaseverely from constipation. The Compound Oxygen treatment completely removed this

trouble. "So we concluded to try Compound Oxygen for Mrs. Siddall. Dr. Starkey, after a careful This was a great relief, even if the growth great confidence in Dr. Starkey, for some practitioners would have tried to make it out as aggravated and alarming a case as possible, in order to magnify their skill in case a cure were | Rural World. made. In even the short space of a few days the effect was perceptible. Compound Oxygen was doing its work on the blood. The poison in the circulation, or whatever it was that had caused the growth of the lump, was driven out of the system. Most of the hard growth was absorbed into the circulation, and thus carried away. The hardness departed. Something like the core of a boil came out, painlessly. Within four weeks from the time she began to take the Compound Oxygen the lump was gone, and the flesh had healed and become as

natural and healthy as that on any other part of the body. "Mrs. Siddall is now as able as ever to attend to her regular duties, which she heartily enjoys. She is a wonderful help to me in my extensive business, being at my office every day, transacting, with great efficiency, the affairs of her department, which consists

in the supervision of the 20 lady clerks." "And how as to your son, Mr. Siddall?" "Well, he is now as hearty as need be; thanks to Compound Oxygen. His blood was impure. For years he was my cashier, with constant duty and heavy responsibility. It wore on him. His appetite was irregular and capricious. There were pimples and blotches on his face, indicative of the condition of his you will find that they will make them pay. blood. There were dark spots under his eyes, Perryville, Stone's River, Resaea, Chickamauga, and his general state was such that although and Lookout Mountain. I like THE TRIBUNE. - he was not laid up in bed as a chronic invalid, he was not laid up in bed as a chronic invalid, there was danger that he would be. We tried him with the treatment. Compound Oxygen soon did for him what it had done for his mother and myself. It renewed his blood and gave him a heartier vitality. The pimples, blue spots, and other indications disappeared. His skin became soft and natural. His appewho do. I would like to correspond with a dark- tite became regular, and his digestion, which

of course had been impaired, was restored to its proper condition." "Then, Mr. Siddall, you have no objection to be quoted as a believer, firm, thorough, and constant, in Compound Oxygen.'

" Believer! Why I consider that in the discovery of Compound Oxygen there has been given to the world something as valuable and as notable as Jenner gave it in the discovery of vaccination! Believer! Why, see our family experience with it. Believer! Yes, so much so that I never lose an opportunity to send those of my friends who need medical treatment to Drs. Starkey & Palen, and all that I have heard from are enthusiastic in their approval of it. Not a word of disappointment from any of them. Believer! Well, I have induced four of my clerks to take the treatment. There is Mr. Johnson, for instance. Come round to the office in the morning and see him. He had catarrh so badly that at night he had to take a handkerchief to bed with him, and to have a basin by the side of the bed, in which to expectorate during the hours when most people are asleep, and now, after but a few weeks' treatment, he is almost entirely rid of this trouble. His ears were clogged with catarrh discharge. They are now entirely free from it.

Compound Oxygen. You may give my opinion of it as strongly as you please."

The writer called to see Mr. Johnson and found him at his post, not only free from catarrhal annoyance, but grateful for it, and enthusiastic in his praises of Compound Oxygen. And now, if any one wishes to know all about this wonderful Compound Oxygen, let him write to Drs. Starkey & Palen, 1109 Girard St ... Philadelphia, and they will send him an interesting little book in which its discovery, nature, and action are fully described. It also contains a large record of remarkable cures which have

been made during the last twelve or thirteen

"And so I might tell you till morning of such

cases, and others of similar importance and

value. You cannot speak too highly of the

Some Practical Suggestions for Our Agricultural Readers.

KEEP THE YOUNG STOCK THRIVING.

In nearly all parts of the country there are people who act upon the theory that young colts, calves and other stock should be allowed to rough it through the first Winter. The consequence is that every Spring thousands of barnyards are disgraced by the presence of shaggy, skirny, loose-jointed, half-starved young animals. It is true that if they live through the Spring, these will make a very rapid growth on the fresh pastures of Summer; but the improvement in their condition, great as it is, does not suffice to bring them up to the weight and quality they would have attained in a corresponding period if well fed every day of their lives, as all stock must be to give the most profitable returns. The addition of a few cents' worth of grain each day during the Winter will result in the addition of several dollars to the selling value of the animal in Spring, and practically furnish a much more profitable market for the grain than can be found in the offices of grain dealers. One great good result from keeping stock in

good condition, it is always readily salable. The butcher will want to buy such animals at a good price, for the supply of fairly fattened young cattle is never large enough to meet the demand. Buyers for the great markets are always looking for such animals, and will give their owner little rest until a trade has been made: but he whose stock is half-starved has but one market-that for light "stockers." Thus he is at the mercy of a single class of buyers, and usually entirely without any of the advantages that competition gives. He is to 150 gallons a year.-J. P. M. RAINBOW, Fall the slave of the market, and not its master, as he might be.

The gain from a system of full feeding does not end here. The farmer who sells the raw product of his farm, rapidly reduces its fertility. Apparently he sells only a bushel of corn for twenty cents; really, he sells a part of the fertility upon which he depends for his permanent income. If he feeds his grain, he keeps for himself the profit railroads would get for hauling the bulky product to market; he husbands the riches of his land, and even increases their store by converting mineral constituents of the soil and the chemical elements of the air into forms more readily available for food production. When the results of his labor and capital are ready for sale, they are in a condensed form, upon which cost of transportation is comparatively light, and for which there is an ever-ready demand .- Prairie

HOW TO CURE HAMS. The process of sugar-curing hams is as follows: The hams are trimmed and rubbed with salt and left to drain on a bench for a day and pounds of sait, two and one-half pounds of is then cooled, and when cold is strained into the pickle. It is best to head up the barrel and pour the pickle through a hole in the head, and then cork it tight. Otherwise, a loose head should be put on the meat and weighted down, wiped and rubbed with ground black pepper, "But we tried another method. I had long | chips (raise the barrel an inch or two from the as strong in the center as at the surface of the rable from the common way of smoking, and its consequent waste when preparing it for the table, as the meat is every way as clean when taken from the barrel as when placed in it. By this process all the expense, labor and trouexamination, pronounced the abnormal growth | ble of bagging the hams after making, to to be something entirely different from cancer. keep them from the flies, is obviated, as they may be kept submerged in the pickle till could not be entirely removed, and it gave | wanted, or the last piece is desired for the gridiron, pot or pan. Be sure to smoke the barrel very thoroughly if you would have a

> - In the great majority of farmers' dairies the labor of milking, caring for milk and cream and making the butter is a large item in its cost. Unless the farmer is able to get something more from the milk than butter he will not make much from his dairy. Hence the necessity of keeping pigs to work up skim milk into pork, and at the same time to retain in the manure heap the most valuable elements of the milk so far as maintaining fertility is concerned .- N.

strong flavor of smoke in your meat .- Colman's

Y. Heraid. - Potato and cornfields, where water is liable to stand during the Winter, should have furrows run through them to take the surface water off. It will greatly help the Spring work in fitting such fields for seeding to have this job | are not necessary in a claim, as the records from done in the Fall. It will also be much better | which such certificate is transcribed will show all for the succeeding crop.

- Nothing is so attractive around a farmhouse as a flock of evenly marked and handsome-plumaged fowls. They are an ornament to pay it, there being no available funds to pay to the dooryard and interest and profit to the owner, while a flock of mongrels is only an eyesore to all beholders. If the boys and girls are allowed a small flock of fine birds for their own, to care for and to make from them all they can, - There is little use for the inexperienced

person to flatter himself because he can manage a few fewls very well that he can pursue the poultry business successfully without giving time and close attention to all the details connected with it. -The man who doesn't wish to keep a cow

at a loss should know what she is worth to him. To this end keep a record of her yield. Such a record would open a good many eyes. - Look out for small wastes. Put all the draw a pension on the following disability? About save all the hard ones for use in the family, for sale or for stock; put the sound pumpkins where they won't freeze, so they can be fed to milch

your slumbers be. Prairie Farmer. - The most rapid increase in weight in all The most rapid increase in weight in animals is while they are young. It is gain in size rather than the laying on of the fat that is one eye and chronic conjunctivitis. By the ruling of Secretary Teller, "From and after April 3, 1884, of Secretary Teller, "From and after April 3, 1884, of Secretary Teller," foods are not so well adapted as those containing more albuminous and bone-forming material. Milk is the natural food of all very young stock, and for promoting growth it is for a time alone sufficient. If economy suggests a change it should be to some food containing flesh-and-bone-forming elements, and as easily digested as milk.

- Fifteen years ago Lendert De Brazen, Hellander, was a poor gardener near Kalamazoo. Mich., trying to make a living off some marshy land he had purchased. After other things had failed, he experimented with celery, entry is canceled for some reason other than abanand is now a rich man. What was a dozen years | donment, and not the willful act of the party, you ago a swamp is to-day a vast celery field, beside which a hundred-acre lot is but a garden. The shipping season begins in July, increases

G. C., Mariborough, O.—Find your inquiry in
The shipping season begins in July, increases

TRIBUNE of Jan. 8 fully answered as to origin of until the holidays, then gradually decreases until the crop is disposed of in the Spring. Fifty tons daily are now being sent out, and the crop of 1884 will reach 5,000 tons. Twenty thousand of 1884 will reach 5,000 tons. Twenty thousand place of the last general engagement of the rebelstalks are raised upon an acre. It is said that lion, and what troops were conspicuous therein.

2,000 persons in that locality are engaged in Answer. Fort Blakely, Mobile Harbor, Ala., April this industry.

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Oil in this Country.

To THE EDITOR: I see in your valupaper of Dec. 25, under the head of "Scientific Chat," a statement that there was but one olive grove, the fruit of which is used in the manufacture of oil, in the United States, and that is at Cannon's Point, in Florida. Please allow me to correct the statement, as we have at Santa Barbara, Cal., an olive grove of over a thousand trees, owned by Mr. Elwood Cooper, and planted by him in 1872, where thousands of gallons of olive oil is | had to be filed prior to July 1, 1880. From that produced, but not in the primitive way of the Florida grove. The olives are crushed by a heavy stone, similar to a millstone, which is rolled around on the edge in a deep circular grove or trough, and by its weight does the crushing, a beam passing through the eye of the stone and working on a journal in the center of the circle, with a horse attached to the outer end of the beam. The crushed olives are put in a press in cheeses about three feet square and three inches thick, with wooden slats between each cheese. Ten or more cheeses can be put in at each pressing. Coarse linen cloth is used to contain the crushed olives. The fluid that is expressed is put in large tanks and left for 60 or 90 days, when the oil will separate, and being lighter will rise to the top, when it can be drawn off. The pomace after the first pressing is re-crushed, and by pouring hot water over it a second quality of oil is expressed. It is then thrown in vats, boiling water poured over it and left to ferment, when the oil still remaining will be liberated and rise to the top, making a third quality of oil. Nowhere in the world are all the conditions so favorable to the perfect fruit bearing of the olive as the southern Counties of California, and in San Diego County are found the old Mission olive groves, most of them over a century old. Many of the trees have been known to produce occasionally as much as 125 Brook, San Diego Co., Cal.

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Subjects.

C. W. C., West Glover, Vt.-1. What are the legal fees for an attorney in a pension claim filed in June, 1880?

2. Is claimant involved the same as attorney, if the attorney asks and claimant pays an illegal fee? 3. If claimant and attorney make written contract at that date, is contract binding and legal? Answer. 1. Ten dollars, and if claim was still pending July 4, 1884, the claimant could sign contracts allowing the attorney \$25, less any sum already paid, 2. The attorney only would be liable. 3. Yes, if claimant de elined to sign contracts, under the act of July 4, 1884, allowing a greater fee. R. M., Troy, Pa.-A young man enlisted at the

commencement of the war for three years. He served eight or nine months, was taken sick, got a leave of absence, and never went back. In 1862 he enlisted again for nine months, was out four or five months, and was killed at Fredericksburg. His father is very old and poor. Can he collect what wages were due his son on his first enlistment? M. W. F., Cambria, Iowa, -For service during the

war of the rebellion no land warrants are due, as the bounty was paid in money instead of land. It is not at all probable that land warrants will ever be issued for such service.

J. D. W., Warner, Minn,-1. Why is it that the State of Rhode Island has two capitals? 2. Was President Johnson impeached; and the particulars of his trial? Answer. 1. Rhode Island has but one capital, viz., Newport. 2. President Johnson was impeached by the House of Representatives and tried by the Senate. On the 25th of May, 1868, 54

Members of the Senate were present and voted on a verdiet. Thirty-five voted for conviction and ninelsen voted for acquittal. As two-thirds of the votes were necessary for conviction the President was acquitted by one vote. N. B., Union, N. Y., wants to know how it is that a dependent mother gets pension on a son, when her husband and the father of that son is living and is able to perform manual labor. He says he knows of two or three such instances in his vicinity. Answer. The income from the father's manual labor may not be sufficient to create a case of independ-

ence of the mother. In such a case the mother is clearly entitled. M. H. D., Spencer, Wis .- When a soldier loses his discharge all he can get in lieu thereof is a certificate from the records of the War Department. This shows his service and honorable discharge and by the terms under which it is furnished it cannot be used in any claim against the Government; but such certificates of service and discharge

the facts necessary in a claim. F. C. H., Uhrichsville, Ohio.-When a claim for commutation of rations has been allowed, it has to await an appropriation by Congress for the money such claims. Every year the Secretary reports to Congress the amount of such allowed claims, and an appropriation is asked for. When it is made. you, as well as many others in the same situation. will get the money due you. There is no "higher authority" you can appeal to. All you can do is to await the appropriation by Congress, as there is no other way by which it can be paid. A. A., Scotia, Neb .- If a man enlisted in the U. S. Army in Oct., 1861, and was discharged for disability in June, 1862, can he apply the three years that he enlisted for on his time of soldier's homestead, or can he only apply the actual time he

served? Answer. The full period for which he en-listed (three years) would be deducted from the five years' residence required of a person who did not serve in the army or navy during the late re-J. G. E., Quincy, Mich,-1. If the Mexican Pen-

cornstalks under cover, feed all the soft apples, six years ago I had an ankle smashed by the falling of a staging from a building on which I was at work, making me a cripple for life. 2. I served three years and eleven months in the late war; how long would I have to live on a soldier's claim bacco, and turn everything Providence sends to the best account. Thus do and sweet will soon than a private? Answer. 1. Yes, as we construe the bill. 2. One year and one month under the soldiers' homestead law. 3. No. the rate of pension for the loss of sight of one eye will be total and according to rank, and the rate

> Am I entitled to this increase? 2. If so, would the evidence which established the original claim be sufficient? Answer. Yes to both questions. M. H. A., Highlands, N. C.-Twelve years ago I filed a declaratory statement for homestead through an agent, who represented to me that the land was vacant; but when I went to look at it I found the place occupied by a man who had pre-empted it previous to the date of my filing. I have never had the benefit of the homestead act. Have I forfeited my right? Answer. You have not. Your entry can be canceled, and in such cases where the are not thereby debarred from entering again if in

of third grade or \$18 per month be allowed," etc. 1.

other respects entitled. parties in Youth's Companion of same date, published by Perry Mason & Co., Boston, Mass.—Dr. I. S., Manhattan, Kan. S. H., Moberly Mo., asks us to state the date and

Answer. Fort Blakely, Mobile Harbor, Ala., April 11, 1865, was the last general engagement of the war. The troops engaged consisted of Gen. Canby's command, comprising the Thirteenth and Sixteenth Corps and Hawkins's Division of colored troops, with the aid of the navy under Admiral Thatcher. The last battle of the war was fought May 10, 1865, near Boco Chico, Tex., by the Union forces under Col. Barrett, opposed to the rebel forces under

Gen. Slaughter.

J. M., National Military Home, Ohio, and several others.—In 1875 the Equalization of Bounty Bill passed both Houses of Congress and was presented to Gen. Grant for his signature, which would have made it a law. He refused to sign it, and thus

killed the bill. He had also at that time a wri ten veto of the bill, which was not delivered to Congress, presumably because it was unnecessary, as An Interesting Account of the Manufacture of the y withholding his signature on the last day of Congress be could and did kill the bill by that

method. We consider him wholly responsible for the defeat of the bill. Tribune Reader, Arthur, O.—I. The petition was received. 2. Whether you are entitled to the unpaid instalment of \$75 bounty depends upon how your discharge reads. From your statements we are inclined to think that you refused to do further service and were discharged on that account. If so you are not entitled. 3. By act of July 28, 1866 \$100 additional bounty was given to such as were entitled to or who did not receive more than \$100 for three-years' enlistment, but such applications date they are barred by statute.

J. D. P., Erinton, Pa.-1 have just returned from my brother's funeral in Ohio. His death was due to causes (clearly) set in motion by service hardships. In July, 1880, his application was acknowledged at the Pension Office, and numbered Nov. 11, 1880, notification being sent. 1. On which of these dates is it considered filed? 2. And is either of them in time to entitle him to arrears, had pension been granted? 3. Will the pending of his application in any way benefit his widow and orphans? 4. What steps must she take? Answer. 1. Neither date. The claim was filed prior to the communication of July, 1880, acknowledging re-ceipt. 2. If the claim reached the Pension Office prior to July 1, 1880, it is entitled to arrears, if allowed. 3. The widow can complete his claim and draw the pension he would have been entitled to had he lived to complete it. She can also file an application for herself and minor children, presuming his death was due to causes which originated in the service and in line of duty. 4. She should file evidence showing date and cause of death, and proof of her marriage to the soldier, and her own claim, if a valid one.

D. A. E., Norway, Me.-I am drawing a pension for hernia. Does Government furnish a truss in such cases; and if so, how am I to obtain one? Answer. You are entitled to a truss from the Government. Apply by letter to the Surgeon-General, U. S. A., this city, stating the number of your pen-

sion certificate.

D. A., Cambridge, Minn.—An application for a pension having a regular attorney employed at Washington, from whom proper blanks and instructions were received, and in order to get those properly filled the claimant employed a local at torney, who is a Notary Public, to fill out and exe-cute the papers. Is the said local attorney limited by law as regards his charges, or is it optional with him to demand and collect any amount he sees fit, notwithstanding the work was not such as to require any legal ability? Answer. The fees of Nota-ries Public are regulated by State laws. We are not familiar with the legal scale of such fees in your State, but that you can easily ascertain for yourself. He is not limited in his charges as regards filling out papers. That is a matter to be arranged between himself and the claimant. S. B., Brownington Centre, Vt.—Is there any law allowing commutation-money to a soldier of the

late rebellion, who is drawing pension for the loss of a hand or foot or its equivalent? If so, how much? Answer, Yes; \$50 every five years. Apply to the Surgeon-General, U. S. A., this city.

G. P. W., Nat. Mil. Home, O., says, to settle a dispute, please state whether a whale is a fish or an animal. Answer. It is an animal, and is classed as a carniverous cetacean mammal, with a fishlike form. The whale is not a fish, because it has warm blood, respires through its lungs, and suckles its young.

A Reader.—Service pensions for naval service

are paid under sections 4756 and 4757, Revised Statutes, which we quote: "SEC. 4756. There shall be paid out of the Naval Pension Fund to every person who, from age or infirmity, is disabled from sea-service, but who has served as an enlisted person in the navy or marine corps for the period of 20 years, and not been discharged for miseo in lieu of being provided with a home in the Naval Asylum, Philadelphia, if he so elects, a sum equal to one-half the pay of his rating at the time he was discharged, to be paid to him quarterly, under the direction of the Commissioner of Pensions; and application for such pension shall be made to the Sec of Pensions, and such certificate shall be his warrant for making payment as herein authorized Sec. 4757. Every disabled person who has served in the navy or marine corps as an enlisted man for a period not less than 10 years, and not been discharged for misconduct, may apply to the Secretary of the Navy for aid from the surplus income of the Naval Pension Fund; and the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to convene a board of not less than three naval officers, one of whom shall be a Surgeon, to examine into the condition of the ap-plicant, and to recommend a suitable amount for his relief, and for a specified time, and upon the approval of such recommendation by the Secretary of the Navy and certificate the of to the Commissioner of Pensions, the amount shall be paid in the same manner as is provided in the preceding section for the payment of persons disabled by long service in the navy; but no allowance so made shall exceed the rate of a pension for full disability corresponding to the grade of the applicant, nor, if in addition to a pension, exceed one-fourth the rate

\* \* To those of our correspondents who sent us nquiries signed by initials only (D. M. and several others), we will observe that they will receive no reply. We again call attention to the notice at the head of this column. We consider communications We again call attention to the notice at the not accompanied with full name and address of writer very good waste paper.

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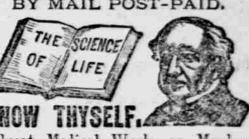
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